

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

May 11, 2011

Webinar Teleconference via GoToWebinar

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Butch Klaveano

Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members Present

Butch Klaveano	Joe Coombs
Jerry Hendrickson (for part)	Tony Stadelman
Mary Toohey (for part)	Tim Miller
Sarah Cooke	Kathy Hamel
Ray Fann	Steve Link

Others Present

Alison Halpern	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Wendy DesCamp	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Greg Haubrich	Washington State Department of Agriculture
Dick Jacobson	Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
Glenn Lebsack,	Clark County Vegetation Management
Anna Lyon	Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Nancy Ness	Grays Harbor Noxious Weed Control Board
Beki Shoemaker	Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board
Nelle Murray	Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Steve Burke	King County Noxious Weed Control Board
Angelica Velazquez	Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board

Handouts Distributed

- Draft of March 16, 2011 WSNWCB regular meeting minutes
- Draft of March 29, 2011 WSNWCB special meeting minutes
- Office reports for March and April
- Budget Summary
- End-Of-Year Expenditures spreadsheet
- Draft Code of Ethics
- Code of Ethics from Board manual

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

VOTE	Sarah Cooke	Moved to accept the minutes of the regular March 16 board meeting as presented.
	Tony Stadelman	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

VOTE	Sarah Cooke	Moved to accept the minutes of the special March 29 board meeting as presented.
	Tony Stadelman	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

UPDATES FROM STATE WEED BOARD MEMBERS

Board members discussed:

- Butch Klaveano: things are difficult in eastern WA with the weather, will be spraying yellow starthistle on the ranch soon.
- Sarah Cooke: her urban farm is about 5 weeks behind, due to weather
- Jerry Hendrickson: met with Walla Walla weed coordinator; hoping for warmer weather soon
- Kathy Hamel: weeds are behind schedule in Thurston County too

OFFICE REPORT

The Board reviewed:

- Office reports for March and April

Alison Halpern:

- Enjoyed March Board meeting and Coordinators' Conference
- Thanked Wendy for organizing special meeting in March
- Gearing up for end of fiscal year
- Worked about 20 hours for WSDA policy team and would like to continue working 10-15 hours a month through fiscal year if no objections from Board (no objections, no motion needed)

Wendy DesCamp:

- Making progress with the new website – top priority
- Many requests for brochures and other publications
- Working on ED/RR postcards plus new brochures

DISCUSSION OF CODE OF ETHICS

The Board reviewed and discussed the WSNWCB draft code of ethics. Items discussed:

- Sarah Cooke:
 - Edited and customized draft code of ethics Alison had sent out for the State Weed Board and thought the draft ethics policy would be useful to the Board.
- Ray Fann:
 - Thought the draft code of ethics was thorough and covered a great deal.

- Would be hard to recreate a different one that would be as thorough as this draft.
- Current Code of Ethics was from the 80's or 90's and should be updated.
- Tony Stadelman:
 - Would like to review further before adopting
- Alison Halpern:
 - The original code of ethics sample was distributed prior to the March Board meeting.

VOTE	Ray Fann	Moved to accept the code of ethics
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Added friendly amendment that the code of ethics be reviewed annually every January
	Further Discussion:	The code of ethics should be signed by all Board members (agreement from several Board members); Alison will adopt Sarah's edits into a Word document and will make any additional necessary edits that do not change the intent of the language.
	The Board	Voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

WSDA UPDATE

Greg Haubrich:

- Still waiting for legislature to adopt budget.
- Knotweed RFP sent out
- WSDA awarded some FHP (Forest Health Protection) funding to county weed boards and CWMA's; also funding WSU Integrated Weed Management program
- Awarded about \$211K to work on Phragmites in Columbia and Snake Rivers
- State mapping program moving forward, WSDA has acquired an Arc-GIS server for noxious weed distribution and for other agency programs.
- Partnering with Bugwood.org and CIPM with their ED/RR maps.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the documents Budget Summary;

The Board discussed:

- Budget Committee met prior to Board meeting to discuss best uses of end-of-year expenditures.
- Potential partnering with WSDA's (Plant Services Program?) to send quarantine list and noxious weed list to many nurseries, along with proposed listings that might be carried in horticultural trade.
- New publications, such as knotweed brochure in Spanish

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Noxious Weed Committee: Tim Miller summarized proposals received for 2012 noxious weed list:

- Oriental clematis proposed as a Class A noxious weed.
- Tree-of-heaven proposed as a Class B noxious weed
- Italian arum proposed as a Class B noxious weed
- Common barberry as a Class B noxious weed
- Common teasel as a Class C noxious weed
- Japanese eelgrass as a Class C noxious weed

- Willow species as a suite of Class C noxious weeds
- Russian thistle as a Class C noxious weed
- Undesignate hairy willow-herb in Walla Walla County
- French broom to be added to monitor list
- Possible move to change velvetleaf from a Class A to a Class B noxious weed
- Tentative discussion to change flowering rush from a Class A to a Class B noxious weed
- Possibility of simplifying weed regions and updating Class B designations, based on coordinator input and WSDA's SWAP distribution data.

Election Committee: Butch Klaveano appointed Mary Toohey, Alison Halpern, and Wendy DesCamp to election committee, since positions 1, 3, and 5 are up for election this summer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

SHB 1169 was signed, and the state weed board must put listing guidelines into WAC 16-750. Butch Klaveano appointed Tim Miller, Kathy Hamel, and Alison Halpern to committee to develop proposed language.

COORDINATORS' FORUM

Nancy Ness reported that there is funding to control all Phragmites in Grays Harbor this year.

MEETING EVALUATION

Anna Lyon offered to host online board meeting in Okanogan with Alison and Wendy in July and invited people on a tour of spurge flax prior to the meeting. The Board discussed time logistics of having a weed tour and then state weed board meeting, with travel being optional and voluntary.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to adjourn the meeting.
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion

The Board adjourned about 11:11 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Wendy DesCamp, Outreach Specialist and Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Klaveano, Chairman
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
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Tony Stadelman, Secretary
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